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# Lesson for the Day:

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OF THE

Kings of *France* and of *England*.

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with our Father Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.*

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OW it came to pass in the Days of him that is called Monarch of *France*, LEWIS the XVth, that Ambition entred his Heart, and the Father of Pride suggested unto him;

2. Lo! thou art a mighty Prince, thy Chariots and thy Horses are wondrous, thy  
A 2 People



People strong, and for Multitude like unto the Sands of the Sea.

3. Go to, drink no more strong Wine, but let thy Glory consist in being drunk with the Blood of Nations,

4. And behold ! LEWIS lifted up his Head and saw that he was encompassed with People of various Kinds and Tongues ; with Princes and Kings :

5. And he said, what now letteth that these are not amongst the Number of those that couch beneath my Footstool ? Power I have, notwithstanding my Cry shall be Peace and Tranquility, and I will so ordain that these shall sue to be my Vassals.

6 Then he gave forth the Word, and lo ! the Spirit of Dissention immediately stretched wide as the four Winds of Heaven ; and Murmurs and Discontent passed and repassed over the Face of the whole Earth.

7. And

7. And a certain Woman stood up, and said; because it is my Right, this I will defend.

8. But the Princes round about dealt treacherously with her, and every one said, lo! this is mine.

9 Then was the Heart of LEWIS greatly rejoiced, and he said unto the Princes, ye have done well: Why boasteth this Woman of Right? Make her desolate and naked, and let her Posterity feel the Pangs of pinching Want, for why coveteth she that which is anothers: And behold I, even I, am your Aid and your Support.

10. I will stretch forth my Arm, and the Earth shall know that no one ruleth but thro' me.

11. And the whole Earth trembled at this Saying of LEWIS.

12. And the Princes and the People bel-  
lowed out — Great and Mighty art thou  
O King! thou hast Wisdom and Patience,  
thou art the Quintessence of true GLORY!  
and not a Man on Earth saving Thy Self if  
worthy to govern. Appoint then us Rulers,  
so shall we learn due Obedience; for which  
of us may be accounted mete to approach  
Thy Presence, or what Mortal has Courage to  
withstand the Rebuke of Thy Countenance?

13. Now the Woman greatly feared.

14. But a certain Prince, Governor of a  
neighbouring Island, *England* by Name, re-  
volved those Things in his Mind; and the  
Thoughts thereof mightily troubled him.

15. And it came to pass that his People  
said unto him, Are there no Bounds to be  
set to this exceeding great Pride and Haugh-  
tiness of LEWIS. We will to the utmost of  
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our Power oppose his Medlings, his Decrees, and ev'ry of his Diabolical Projects.

16. And this Prince, whose Name was **GEORGE**, became exceedingly pleased at this Saying of his People.

17. And he let assemble a certain Number of his Subjects, and prepared them for Battle.

18. Now the Heart of **LEWIS** was mightily enraged ; and he said unto his Captains of Thousands, of Hundreds, and of Tens ;

19. Bring me this self-same **GEORGE**, that I may harness him like a Beast, and make him continually labour at the Wheels of my Chariot.

20. But these were the Words of the *English* Chief: Trust in the **LORD**, and quit yourselves like Men, and never heed their Multitudes.

21. So

21: So the Battle was joined, and LEWIS trusting to his Numbers, pushed on furiously; but the Men of *England*, having Confidence in their God, received them manfully, withstood their utmost Efforts, and in the End put them to Flight; and lo! ensued a dreadful Slaughter.

22. But the Heart of LEWIS was hardned, and he said, Yet will I be avenged of these Enemies to my GLORY.

23. Therefore he sent Word to his Captains in Chief, and the War-Officers of his Navy, saying,

24. Provide ye Naval Stores, Ammunition, and ev'ry offensive Weapon; be ye furnished with Men and with Numbers of Artizans in Gunnery; let me know of none but expert Performers, such as can fling a Ball to a Hair's Breadth.

25. Go



25 Go ye forth into the *Mediterranean*, there shall ye find a Fleet of pretended Combatants, whose assum'd Sign is the bloody Cross. Lo! I send my *L'Court* with you, invested with full Power; and this is my Command, *Blow them out of the Seas*.

26. And it came to pass that the *French* Fleet bore down upon that of *England*, for their People said in their Hearts, LEWIS is our Sovereign, and who dare withstand him.

27. And they thundred upon them furiously :

28. But the Men of *England* received their Charge with a chearful Heart; and when those of *France* found that they were not in the least dismayed, Fear came upon them, and the Winds arose, and they fled, and got into various Ports trembling.

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29. But

29. But Pride still predominant in the Mind of LEWIS, he said in his Heart, By me Kings receive their Institution, and Emperors their Power. I will therefore pluck this GEORGE from his Throne, and will set another Prince over these People of *England*; a Prince in whom I may confide, and he shall do my Will.

30. Wherefore the People of *England* laughed him to scorn; and said, We will not have this Man imposed upon us.

31. And LEWIS became exceeding wrath, and sware by Height and Depth, and by all in whom he trusted, that he would utterly destroy this People.

32. Then stood up one of the Sons of the Prophets and said, Why is the King's Wrath kindled, against whom would he shew his Indigna-

Indignation? the Gods of the People of *England* are their Defenders and Support.

33. But certain of the Priests Sons of *Belial*, when they heard this saying, cry'd with a loud Voice, O King live for ever! Who are the Gods of the People of *England*, or what Defence or Support can they afford? Are not our Gods greater than they? have they not a constant Residence in our Temples, but as for the Gods of their People, where shall we find them.

34. Thus the Heart of *Lewis* became still more hardned, and he said, Lo! this People of *England*, is a Perverse, Stubborn and a Rebellious People, I will therefore root them out.

35. And he caus'd it to be denounced, that they should immediately feel all the Horrors and Devastations of a bloody War.

36. And



36. And he moreover said, who is that  
Man that shall deliver this People out of  
my Hands.

*Thus Ends the Second Chapter of the last Book  
of the Chronicles of the Kings of France and  
and of England.*

